



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Principals
Public Information Officers

FROM: Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: February 5, 2016

RE: Arts Curricular Innovation Grants—Distinguished Arts Program Grant Opportunity

The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) announces that the 2016–17 Request for Proposals for the Arts Curricular Innovation Grants (ACIG)—**Distinguished Arts Program** grant is now available online. Approximately \$1.3 million in funding will be distributed on a competitive basis and the deadline to apply is **May 9, 2016**.

For this funding round, the SCDE will fund schools and districts that propose arts initiatives that will support quality arts education programs that significantly improve student achievement in the arts based on the implementation of the 2010 South Carolina Academic Standards for the Visual and Performing Arts.

The SCDE will offer a technical assistance webinar for interested grant applicants on **February 18, 2016, from 3:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.**, via Blackboard Collaborate. Please use [this link](#) to participate. Participants may log in up to 30 minutes in advance of the session to test their equipment and download handouts.

Visit the [SCDE Grant Opportunities page](#) for updated information on grants, eligibility, application deadlines, and technical assistance. For more information about the ACIG programs, contact Carrie Ann Power at (803) 734-0323, cpower@ed.sc.gov.